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- 1. TODAY AMBASSADOR ADVISED PRESIDENT OF WASHINGTON'S AUTHORIZATION OF 5,000 MT SORGHUM IN RESPONSE TO NIGER'S REQUEST FOR FOOD AID AGAINST ITS DEFICIT OF 47,000 TONS. PRESIDENT RECEIVED NEWS WITH GREAT SATISFACTION, DESCRIBING U.S. AS "TRES SENSIBLE" TO NIGER'S NEEDS.
- 2. AS EXPECTED, CHIEF OF STATE CHARGED ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, COMMANDANT ALI SAIBOU, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATING MODALITIES WITH USAID.
- 3. WITH CONCURRENCE OF PRESIDENT, AMBASSADOR RELEASED NEWS AT INEVITABLE PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING AUDIENCE AND WITHIN HOUR, NIGERIEN RADIO GAVE IT LEAD ITEM PROMINENCE.
- 4. THIS TIMELY AND SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO MAINTENANCE AND EXPANSION OF ESTEEM THAT US HAS TRADITIONALLY ENJOYED IN NIGER.JAMES

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